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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA COMPLAINT ON SPANISH EXECUTIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA HAS STATED THAT MEXICO NEEDS A LETTER, NOT MERELY AN ORAL REPLY, IN RESPONSE TO THE ECHEVERRIA LETTER OF 29 SEPTEMBER. SWEDEN, SC PRESIDENT FOR OCTOBER, IS CURRENTLY CONSULTING COUNCIL MEMBERS ON A TEXT WHICH APPEARS IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THIS TELEGRAM.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CONSIDER THE SWEDISH DRAFT ACCEPTABLE. WHEN AMBASSADOR BENNETT QUESTIONED SWEDISH AMBASSADOR RYDBECK ON THE LETTER'S STATEMENT THAT "THERE EXISTS A CONSENSUS THAT...THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DEAL WITH IT", RYDBECK REPLIED THAT THIS WAS MERELY A STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS WHICH NEED NOT BIND MEMBERS. THAT BEING AS IT MAY BE, WE ARE CONSIDERING SUGGESTING THAT THE LETTER INSTEAD STATE THAT "THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DID NOT WISH THE COUNCIL TO BE SEIZED WITH THE QUESTION AT THIS TIME." ALTERNATIVELY, IT COULD BE STATED THAT THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT "THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY WAS A BETTER FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER."

3. SWEDISH LETTER READS: QUOTE.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL THAT HE MET THIS MORNING WITH THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MEXICO, AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST, ON THE MATTER OF THE LETTER DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/11831). THE FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED THE PRESIDENT OF THE DESIRE OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO TO RECEIVE A REPLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR AN URGENT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN THE FORM OF A LETTER ADDRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION THE ENCLOSED DRAFT REPLY WAS PREPARED.

THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE THE COMMENTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, IF POSSIBLE EARLY ON FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1975. UNLESS THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES ANY COMMENTS BY 5:00P.M. ON FRIDAY, IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AGREE WITH THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE REPLY AND THE LATTER WILL BE SENT ACCORDINGLY. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS LETTER WILL BE ISSUED AS A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT.

MR. AMBASSADOR,

WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER YOU ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON 28 SEPTEMBER AND WHICH WAS REPRODUCED AS DOCUMENT S/11831 OF 29 SEPTEMBER, I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

IN CONTINUATION OF THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS INITIATED BY MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, H.E. AMBASSADOR MOULAYE EL HASSEN, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MAURITANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, I HAVE HAD FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THE CONCLUSIONS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE THAT THERE EXISTS A CONSENSUS TO THE EFFECT THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDGING IN ANY MANNER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER RAISED IN YOUR LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DEAL WITH IT.

I HAVE, THEREFORE, DEEMED IT ADVISABLE TO CONVEY TO YOU IMMEDIATELY SUCH CONCLUSIONS IN ORDER THAT, IF YOUR GOVERNMENT SO DESIRES, IT MAY CHOOSE ANY OTHER UNITED NATIONS PROCEDURE
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